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EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any schemes meant exclusively for women to provide them employment to the maximum extent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (b): Age relaxation is given to women entrepreneurs, and also preference to them alongwith weaker sections of the society for creating self-employment among the educated unemployed youth under the Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY). The relaxation is also given under the scheme to the married women applicants for their residency criteria for the last three years.

In order to provide employment exclusively for women coir workers, the Coir Board is implementing a scheme `Mahila Coir Yojana`. Under the scheme motorized ratts/motorized traditional ratts are provided to women artisans in rural areas after giving training in spinning coir yarn on the equipment. A subsidy to the extent of 75% of the cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7500/- for motorized ratts and Rs. 2625/- for motorized traditional ratts are provided to women coir workers under the scheme. The training in spinning coir yarn on the equipment under the Scheme is organized through NGOs, Cooperative Societies, Public Sector Undertakings, Coir Cooperative Marketing Federations and local bodies etc.

Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) Scheme, the KVIC provides 30% grant of the total project cost to women entrepreneurs as compared to 25% grant for others. Women have to contribute 5% of the project cost as compared to 10% for others as their own contribution under the scheme.